

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walls and Weeks—19.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Osgood moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Howell offered the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Legislature adjourn sine die, Tuesday, February 20th, at 12 o'clock M., and that no new business be introduced after the 15th inst.;*

Which was read.

Mr. McCaskill moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Walls, Osgood and Meacham.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Cottrell, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Walls—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Weeks—9.

So the resolution was laid on the table.

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 7, 1877. }

TO THE HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: I have this day signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, the following acts, viz:

An act to authorize George M. Whetstone to erect a Dam for Milling purposes, and a Toll Bridge across the Santa Fe river.

An act requiring Timber and Lumber Inspectors to give bond.

Very respectfully,

GEO. F. DREW, Governor.

Which was read.

Mr. Walls moved a reconsideration of the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. McCaskill moved to lay the motion on the table;

Which was agreed to.

The Judiciary Committee made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 7, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 31:

Entitled an act for the Protection of Cattle in this State, instructed me to report the same with the accompanying amendments, and recommend that it do pass as so amended.

Respectfully,

H. T. LYKES.

Which was read, and the bill as amended placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Claims made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 7, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 8:

To be entitled an act for the Relief of William Hope and David Hope, has had the same under consideration. The committee is opposed to such claims, but as it is recommended by the State Attorney of that district, the committee instructed me to report it back to the Senate without any recommendation for the action of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 7, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,

*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: The Committee on Enrollment have delivered to the Governor for his consideration the following bills:

Assembly bill No. 68:  
To be entitled an act to make Amelia Myerson, wife of Samuel Myerson, a Free Dealer.

Assembly bill No. 89:  
To be entitled an act to legalize the Town Government of Tampa, Florida.

Assembly bill No. 61:  
To be entitled an act to protect the County Treasury of the respective counties of the State of Florida.

Assembly bill No. 71:  
To be entitled an act to create and organize a Bureau of Immigration.

Assembly bill No. 30:  
To be entitled an act to change the Boundary Line between the counties of Levy and Marion.

Assembly bill No. 72:  
To be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Augustine University.

Respectfully,  
A. D. McKINNON, Chairman.

Which was read.  
Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 7, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,  
*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: The Committee on Enrollment have presented to the Governor for his consideration the following bills:

Senate bill No. 15:  
To be entitled an act authorizing George M. Whetstone to erect a dam for milling purposes, and a toll bridge across the Santa Fe river.

Senate bill No. 25:  
To be entitled an act requiring Timber and Lumber Inspectors to give bond.

Respectfully,  
A. D. McKINNON, Chairman.

Which was read.  
The Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 7, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,  
*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred certain proposed amendments to the Constitution, Articles 1, 2 and 3, respectfully report the same back to the Senate, with the

recommendation that they be referred to the Joint Select Committees of the two houses on Constitutional Amendments.

Also, that they have had under consideration the memorial of C. P. Chaires, in relation to a site for an asylum for the insane, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it be referred to the Joint Select Committee of the two houses on the subject of an Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb, Blind and indigent Insane.

Also, that they have had under consideration Assembly bill No. 75, entitled a bill to be entitled an act for the adoption of a Child by Andrew S. Enochs and Julia A. Enochs, and they have instructed me to report that this attempt of Mr. and Mrs. Enochs to enlarge their family being in every respect commendable, they recommend that the bill be passed.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 7, 1877. }

HON. J. L. F. COTTRELL,  
*President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred sundry bills, having had under consideration the following bills, to-wit: A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Josiah C. Hanna to establish and maintain a Bridge for toll across the Hillsborough river, and for other purposes; a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Augustine Yacht Club; a bill to authorize John O. Howell to establish a Ferry across the Blackwater river at Milton, and a bill to be entitled an act to authorize William J. Barnett to establish a Ferry on the Suwannee river, direct me to report the same back, with accompanying amendments, and recommend their passage.

F. M. McMEELIN, Chm'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 7, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,  
*President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Enrollment, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 20:

To be entitled an act in relation to Misdemeanors, have examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

A. D. McKINNON, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Senate bill No 22:

To be entitled an act relating to the publication of Official and Legal Advertising,

Was, on motion of Mr. McKinnon, postponed until Monday next.

Assembly bill No. 25:

To be entitled an act to authorize William J. Barnett to establish a Ferry across the Suwannee river, at Clay Landing,

Was read the second time, and ordered engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 44:

To be entitled an act to authorize John O. Howell to establish a Ferry across the Blackwater river, at Milton, Florida,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. McCaskill, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard and Weeks—12.

Nays—Mr. Osgood—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 65:

To be entitled an act to authorize Josiah C. Hanna to establish and maintain a Bridge for Toll across the Hillsborough river, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Lykes, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—18.

Nays—Mr. Osgood—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Assembly bill No. 79:

To be entitled an act to incorporate the St. Augustine Yacht Club,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. McMeekin, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas — Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—16.

Nays—Messrs. Long and Walls—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The memorial of C. P. Chaires was, on motion of Mr. Lykes, referred to the Joint Committee for the deaf, dumb, blind and indigent Insane.

Assembly bill No. 75:

To be entitled an act for the adoption of a child by Andrew S. Enochs and Julia A. Enochs,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Durkee, the rule was suspended, and the bill read the third time.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Cottrell, Hendry, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Patterson, Osgood, Richard, Walker and Weeks—16.

Nays—Mr. Walls—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 31:

To be entitled an act for the protection of Cattle Interests in this State,

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by the Committee were adopted.

Mr. Osgood moved the following amendment:

Insert after "cattle" "sheep and goats;"

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Lykes moved to lay the bill upon the table, and that 100 copies of the bill, with amendments, be printed;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor at the hands of his Private Secretary.

The President *pro tem.* notified the Senate that he was about to sign the following enrolled bills:

Assembly bill No. 68:

An act to make Amelia Myerson, wife of Samuel Myerson, a Free Dealer.

Assembly bill No. 89 :

An act to Legalize the Town Government of Tampa, Florida.

Assembly Bill No. 61 :

An act to protect the County Treasury of the respective counties of the State of Florida.

Assembly bill No. 71 :

An act to create and organize a Bureau of Immigration.

Assembly bill No. 30 :

An act to change the Boundary Line between the counties of Levy and Marion.

Assembly bill No. 72 :

An act to incorporate the St. Augustine University.

Senate bill No. 15 :

An act authorizing George M. Whetstone to erect a Dam for milling purposes, and a Toll Bridge across the Santa Fe river.

Senate bill No. 25 :

An act requiring Timber and Lumber Inspectors to give bond.

Senate bill No. 8 :

To be entitled an act for the relief of William Hope and David Hope,

Was, on motion of Mr. McKinnon, passed over informally.

On motion of Mr. McCaskill, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, Mr. Walls moved to adjourn until tomorrow, 10 o'clock ;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

#### REMOVALS.

Henry Hutchinson, from office of Sheriff, Franklin county.

Charles R. King, from office of State Attorney for Third Judicial District.

M. L. Stebbins, from office of Clerk, Suwannee county.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

E. J. Vann, to be State Attorney Third District.

D. L. Heddick, to be Sheriff, Hernando county.

W. B. Center, to be County Judge, Hernando county.

Robert A. Reed, to be Clerk Circuit Court, Suwannee county.

Edward J. Raney, to be Sheriff, Franklin county.

John E. Grady, to be Assessor, Franklin county.

William A. C. Benbow, to be Sheriff, Santa Rosa county.

Robert R. Shepard, to be Clerk, Santa Rosa county.

George W. Miller, to be Assessor, Santa Rosa county.

Fred A. Axleson, M. J. Fauria and Samuel Rushing to be Commissioners of Pilotage for the port of Pensacola.

THURSDAY, February 8, 1877.,

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—22.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Meacham moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with ;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

Under suspension of the rule, Mr. Durkee introduced

Senate bill No. 38 :

To be entitled an act in relation to County Bonds ;

Which was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Under suspension of the rule, Mr. Barnes introduced the following bill :

Senate bill No. 39 :

To be entitled an act to amend the fourth and sixteenth sections of an act entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of Cities and Towns and to establish a uniform system of Municipal Government in this State, approved February 4, 1869 ;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations, and one hundred copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Meacham moved to take from the table the resolution to adjourn on the 24th.

Mr. McCaskill moved to indefinitely postpone the motion to take from the table ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Walls, Meacham and Osgood.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—15.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—7.

So the motion to take from the table was indefinitely postponed.

The following message was received from the Assembly :